GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES FOR DISABLES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up employment agencies for disabled people to get job across the country;

(b) if so, the details of places where such agencies are proposed to be launched, State-wise;

(c) whether these agencies are proposed to be run by the NGO or by an individual;

(d) if so, the number of proposals received by the Government so far;

(e) whether the Government have signed any MOU with any Organsiation from any foreign country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GAN)

(a)to(f) There is no proposal to set up employment agencies for persons with disabilities. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of Handicapped,financial assistance is given by Central Government to State Governments/UT Administrations running Special Employment Exchanges and Special Cells for personswith disabilities. At present, there are 40 Special Employment Exchanges and 41Special Cells in normal Employment Exchanges functioning in the country.Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities, financial assistanceup to 90% is given to the Non-Governmental Organisations for providing guidance, counseling and placement services to the persons with disabilities. During the year 1999-2000, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 38.28 lakhs was given to 15 NGOs forthis purpose. In addition, there are 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres in the country, who evaluate the residual capacity of the handicapped persons, impart them necessary vocational training and guidance and put them into job or self-employment according to their capacity.